

HIS CLERK'S OFFER AROUSSED SUSPICION.

R. Smith & Co.'s Confidential
Man Wanted to Buy the
Business for Cash.

The Surprised Employer Discharged
Him on the Spot, and an
Arrest Soon Followed.

LAPP TRIED IN VAIN TO SETTLE.

Declared That \$2,000 Would Cover His
Deficiency, but He Demanded a Guar-
antee That He Would Be Free
from All Punishment.

R. Smith & Co., of No. 600 Broome street,
have carried on a wholesale cloak business
at that number for ten years past. The
firm is rated very high by the commercial
agencies, and its dealings average near a
million dollars a year.

When Mr. R. Smith sat down at his desk
Monday morning last he was suddenly ap-
proached by his bookkeeper and confiden-
tial man, Morris Lapp.

"Well," asked Mr. Smith inquiringly,
"I wish to make you a cash offer for
your business as it stands," coolly said the
confidential man.

WORKED FOR HIM TOO LONG.
The chair in which Lapp's employer sat
fell back, revolved and fell back again be-
fore Mr. Smith recovered from his sur-
prise. Then he asked: "Lapp, how long
have you worked for me?"

"Twenty-seven months," was the answer.
"Umph," mused Mr. Smith; "less than
three years, and you want to buy my busi-
ness. Lapp, you are discharged."

Mr. Smith went out, and so did Lapp.
The former suspected he had been robbed
and set things in motion to ascertain,
while the latter called on Mr. Charles In-
feld, a dealer in plushes and piece goods,
doing business at No. 197 Wooster street.
Mr. Infeld knew Lapp in connection with
his friend, Smith, and at once noticed that
he wore a troubled expression. He asked
what had happened, and learned from the
ex-confidential man that he had just been
discharged.

WANTED HIS DEBT PAID.

Lapp asked for a confidential interview,
and was told by Infeld to call at his house,
No. 107 East One Hundred and Twenty-
fourth street, the same evening. When Mr.
Infeld reached his home he was somewhat
surprised to find Lapp awaiting him there.
"I am discharged and want you to do
something for me," Mr. Infeld says Lapp
began, and then continued: "I wish you to
see Mr. Smith and give him some money
for me, in all over a thousand dollars, and
it may be fifteen hundred. I owe it to him
and wish you to see him and pay my
debts, for I must not see him myself."

Infeld was surprised and asked Lapp if
all was right, whereupon the latter, he
states, answered: "I have robbed Smith,
but wish you to see him and make good
what I have stolen. I will give you the
money after you have called on him."

SAW HIS EMPLOYER.

Infeld finally consented to call on Smith
meet Lapp afterward. This he did last
day, and reported to Lapp, advising
him to see his former employer in person.
Lapp said he would do this after Smith had
accepted his \$1,500 and signed a certain
paper. The next day, through Infeld, a
meeting of the three was arranged.

The first thing Smith did was to demand
an explanation, saying he had been unable

to discover the extent of his losses, and
could talk more advantageously if Lapp
made them known exactly. This Lapp ex-
pressed his willingness to do, after declar-
ing emphatically that they were under
\$2,000, and he thought less than \$1,700.
"To show you my good intentions," he is
quoted as saying, "I will give you \$2,000
cash and a bill of sale, in Infeld's name,
for three horses and carriages, and you can
return me the difference when you learn
that I owe you less than I offer."

THE AGREEMENT REJECTED.

Mr. Smith thought this was fair, but
threw up both hands in astonishment when
his late confidential man handed him the
following paper to sign as a condition to
his agreement:

CHARLES INFELD,
Jobber in Plushes and Piece Goods,
197 Wooster street, N. Y.
For and in consideration of two thousand dol-
lars, this day paid me by Morris Lapp, I ac-
knowledge that I have no claim of any kind
against him for any cause whatever. I sign
this paper knowing fully everything that has
taken place while said Morris Lapp was em-
ployed as bookkeeper in my business.
Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of
March, 1896.

Smith positively refused to sign this
paper on the ground that it would make
him a party to a possible crime. He added,
"If you have robbed me, I can stand it,
but I want your confession now in writing,
and you must give it to me, and call to-
morrow."

This confession was obtained and is now
in the safe of A. H. Berwick, an attorney
for R. Smith & Co. at No. 238 Broadway.
Yesterday Lawyer Berwick acknowledged
that he had Lapp's confession of guilt, and
it was upon his solicitation that Magistrate
Cornell issued a warrant for Lapp's arrest.
This warrant was turned over to Special
Officers Murray, Crystal and Hart, of the
Officers' Bureau, Crystal and Hart, of the
Macedonia Street Station, who set out to
Hundred and Forty-second street.

TOOK HIS ARREST COOLLY.

He was not to be found there Thursday
night, but on Friday morning the police-
men caught him leaving the Aldrich Court
Building, No. 45 Broadway. He took his
arrest coolly, merely remarking, "You are
just in time, for I was about to have these
whiskers shaved and skip."

At Jefferson Market Court Lapp was held
in \$2,000 bail to answer as a suspicious
person. Lawyer Berwick tried hard to have
the amount of his bond increased, but the
Magistrate said he could not comply until
the present charge is changed. This will
be done before Monday morning, when
Lapp will again be arraigned.

R. Smith & Co. have put experts at work
on their books. The senior member of the
firm yesterday made this statement:

"We haven't the slightest idea how much
this fellow has stolen, for he had our com-
plete confidence, and it is impossible to
know just now what he really has taken.
One thing is certain, and that is, it is no
small sum like he wanted to settle for.
The idea of this man, who came with us
only twenty-seven months ago, wanting to
buy out for cash—yes, cash—a firm doing
business in the millions! It was the most
audacious piece of cheek I ever heard of."

EXPERTS HARD AT WORK.

Mr. Smith said that all is now in the
charge of experts, who will work night and
day to unravel matters, and until they
untangled the situation he could not figure
what had been stolen. Lapp has so com-
pletely covered up his tracks that it is
not known where or how his money is in-
vested, or whether he really has funds of
any consequence. Mr. Smith, however,
believes that his ex-bookkeeper was really
in earnest when he made an offer to buy
him out.

Upon this point Mr. Infeld said that
Lapp controlled both the discount and cash
accounts. If a discount had to be made
and entered he would increase the real per-
centage and subtract the balance from the
daily cash.

"He told me," Infeld states, "he began
to rob his firm from the day he took their
books."

Mrs. Lapp refused to be seen, and so did
her husband, when a note was taken to
him by an official of the Jefferson Market
Prison yesterday. The detectives say
Lapp hid in a Pearl street loft between
Wednesday and Friday, when they arrested
him.

BURGLARS LEFT A NOTE.

There Was Nothing in the Safe, So They
Locked Up Their Message and
Broke in Elsewhere.

J. Mansfield opened his barber shop, No.
39 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth
street, at the usual hour yesterday morning
and went to his safe. On one of the shelves
he found an envelope addressed to him. He
tore it open and read:

"Oh, you say! You knew better than to
put your money in the safe and lock it. You
are dead easy."

The safe had been left open and empty the
night before, but the burglars turned the
combination on their note. In a rear room

they found \$51 in cash, which they carried
off, together with a quantity of cigars and
shaving implements.

F. S. Rose was asleep in the rear of his
hardware store at No. 37 West One Hun-
dred and Twenty-fifth street when he was
awakened and crept to the head of the cel-
lar stairs. He managed to make out the
forms of two men. He moved over to his
desk, got his revolver and returned to the
stairway, but the two forms had disap-
peared.

Rose rushed into the street crying "Pol-
ice!" It was then about 2:30 a. m. Police-
man McKenna and four other bluecoats
traced the burglars to a high fence freshly
scratched and marked by shoes. Where the
burglars disappeared to no one knows.

They got into the cellar of Rose's store
by forcing a heavy bar from its socket in
the steel grating protecting the windows.
The rear door in the hallway of the apart-
ment house at No. 45 West One Hundred
and Twenty-fifth street was found open. It
is believed the burglars reached the yard
through a fence and worked on all the
stores at the back.

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for Monday's sale,

23c.

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lies, Vine, Persian and Dres-
den effects, worth 29c.; special
for Monday's sale,

15c.

32-inch fine Dimity Lawns,
in Palm Leaf, Broche, Cash-
mere and Persian designs, re-
duced from 19c.; Monday's
sale,

10c.

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75c. yd.

58 pieces Printed Silks, in
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nificent quality; good value at
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Another lot of Imported
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One lot 44-inch hard twisted STORM
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